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## PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Patrick Coultry, Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations, Albany, Department of Homeland Security, announced that, BRIAN GLEASON, age 24, of Valatie, New York, pled guilty on June 15, 2010, in United States District Court in Albany before the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy to Count One of an Information charging him with the possession of child pornography.

In connection with his plea, GLEASON admitted the following during his plea proceedings:

Between about April, 2006 and January 30, 2008, GLEASON, while in his residence, used his Dell Dimension 3000 computer (serial no. CN-OG6391-70821-480-19i0) to access the Internet. While on the internet GLEASON visited child pornography websites and either purchased access to electronic still images and videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct or accessed said images and videos for free. After viewing said images and videos, GLEASON then downloaded and saved these still images and videos to his computer in order to view them on later dates.

On January 30, 2008, investigators conducted an interview of GLEASON at GLEASON's residence in Valatie. Investigators then obtained GLEASON's consent to search his computer. The aforementioned computer was searched and a forensic examination of the computer yielded approximately 100 still images and nine (9) movie files which depict minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as those terms and phrases are defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2). Said images depict individuals under the age of 18 engaged in, among other things, vaginal sex, oral sex, anal sex, sado-masochistic conduct, masturbation and the lascivious exhibition of the genitals and pubic area. All of the images recovered depict actual, as opposed to computer generated, images of minors engaged in such conduct. A number of these images depict prepubescent minors engaged in such conduct.

GLEASON knowingly and willfully possessed the aforesaid images. He also possessed these images knowing that they depict minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. All of these images had either been transported in interstate or foreign commerce or were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce. GLEASON obtained such images from, among other places, individuals and websites located outside the State of New York. Moreover, such images, and the actual computer used to obtain, download and save these depictions, were transported in interstate and foreign commerce and were produced using materials that had been mailed, or shipped or transported in interstate and foreign commerce. GLEASON also acknowledges that said computer was used to commit and promote the commission of the offense found in Section 2252A(a)(5)(B) of Title 18 which is charged in the Information.

On or about January 30, 2008 GLEASON was interviewed by law enforcement officials. During this interview, he stated, among other things, that:

- i. He used the aforesaid computer to search for and access child pornography via websites on the Internet;
- ii. On one occasion he used his PayPal account to purchase access to a child pornography website;
- iii. His interests were in children between the ages of 12 and 18; and
- iv. That he had been accessing and downloading child pornography from the internet for several years.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge McAvoy for October 12, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York. GLEASON faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.00. GLEASON was released pending his sentencing.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Investigations in Albany, New York.

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